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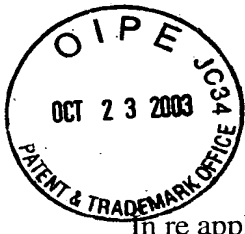
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One copy of each of the newly listed documents, excluding the U.S. patent documents, is submitted herewith. However, German Patent Application Nos. 198 22 510 and 196 16 922 and US Patent 5, 771,125, which are listed in the German Search Report, are not submitted herewith, since they were previously submitted on May 13 and July 1, 2002.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

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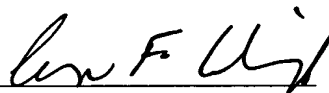
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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